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IN RE: TDS Telecom - Capital Recovery Filing) ORDER APPROVING
) CAPITAL RECOVERY
) FILING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of TDS Telecom for approval of revisions to the depreciation schedules and for the establishment of new depreciation rates for certain plant accounts of McClellanville, Norway, St. Stephen, and Williston Telephone Companies (the Companies). TDS Telecom also requests approval of existing reserve balances and approval of annual lump sum depreciation to re-balance reserves for certain plant accounts.

By letter dated January 28, 1994, the Commission's Executive Director instructed TDS Telecom to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the request. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of TDS Telecom's request and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in this proceeding. TDS Telecom furnished affidavits attesting that the Notice of Filing had been duly published. The Commission received no Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest in this matter.

TDS Telecom asserts that approval of its request will position the Companies to recover the capital investment coincident with targeted replacement dates. TDS Telecom contends that the annual expense impact resulting from the request to increase depreciation rates and lump sum depreciation expense is as follows:

McClellanville	\$ 6,469
Norway	\$13,600
St. Stephen	\$41,625
Williston	\$24,515

TDS Telecom also states that no changes are requested in the subscriber rates and charges and that it does not anticipate filing a local rate application as a result of the requested additional depreciation expense.

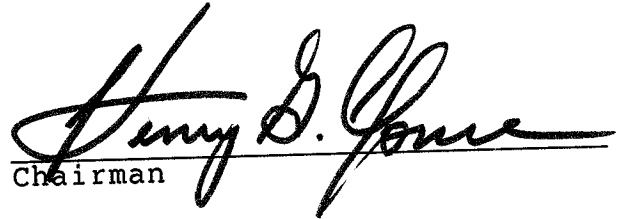
Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the depreciation rates, lump sum depreciation schedules, and reserve balances as of October 31, 1993, are reasonable and appropriate. The depreciation rates and lump sum depreciation expense schedules, as set forth in Appendices A, B, C, and D, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, are hereby approved for the respective companies. The depreciation rates shall have an effective date of November 1, 1993.

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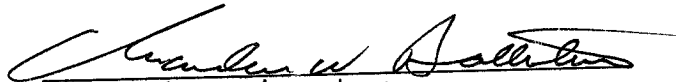
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further
Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

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APPENDIX A

MCCLELLANVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY

A. DEPRECIATION RATES
Effective 11/1/93

ACCOUNT		RATE
2112	Vehicles	13.80%
2122	Furniture	8.00%
2123	Office Equipment	10.00%
2124	Computers	20.00%
2212	Digital Switching	9.95%
2219	Traffic Measuring Equipment	9.50%
2232	Circuit Equipment	10.85%
2411	Poles	5.80%
2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	5.30%
2422.1	Underground Cable - Metal	4.50%
2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	4.50%
2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	6.20%
2441	Conduit Systems	3.00%

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NORWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY

A. DEPRECIATION RATES
Effective 11/1/93

ACCOUNT		RATE
2116	Other Work Equipment	12.00%
2123	Office Equipment	9.00%
2124	Computers	20.00%
2212	Digital Switching	12.00%
2232	Circuit Equipment	10.70%
2351	Public Telephone Equipment	18.00%
2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	5.00%
2422.1	Underground Cable - Metal	4.50%
2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	4.50%
2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	4.50%
2431	Aerial Wire	6.00%
2441	Conduit Systems	3.00%

B. LUMP SUM DEPRECIATION

Digital Switching: \$13,600 per year for years of 1994, 1995, 1996
and \$6,800 for the year of 1997.

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APPENDIX C

ST. STEPHEN TELEPHONE COMPANY

A. DEPRECIATION RATES
Effective 11/1/93

ACCOUNT		RATE
2112	Vehicles	13.80%
2116	Other Work Equipment	9.00%
2123	Office Equipment	10.00%
2124	Computers	20.00%
2212	Digital Switching	12.00%
2219	Traffic Measuring Equipment	10.00%
2232	Circuit Equipment	13.00%
2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	6.00%
2422.1	Underground Cable - Metal	4.00%
2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	4.00%
2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	5.00%

B. LUMP SUM DEPRECIATION

Vehicle Account - \$30,000/year for 1994 and 1995

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WILLISTON TELEPHONE COMPANY

A. DEPRECIATION RATES
Effective 11/1/93

ACCOUNT		RATE
2112	Vehicles	13.80%
2123	Office Equipment	10.00%
2124	Computers	20.00%
2212	Digital Switching	12.00%
2219	Traffic Mearsuring Equipment	14.30%
2232	Circuit Equipment	13.00%
2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	4.10%
2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	4.00%
2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	6.00%